

a quorum 3 members. The minutes of the preceding meeting, April 14, were read and approved. The chair called for clinical cases, Dr. Barry reporting a cyst of the back (neoplasm) removed under a weak solution of cocaine comp. Some discussion followed over the uses of cocaine as a local anesthetic: dangers and care required. Dr. C. S. Stoddard reported a case of Ascites in a female, notable for the rapid refilling of abdominal cavity after tapping. The paper of the evening by Dr. George S. Wells entitled, "Gleanings from Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section" of recent State meeting at Oakland, was well received. The doctor dwelt upon some interesting cases of mastoid and radical mastoid operations, and skin grafting in connection therewith. Next followed some discussion on the use of serums and feeding the patient in typhoid. Adjourned.

The Santa Barbara County Medical Society met in regular session at the Arlington Hotel on Monday evening, June 9, 1913. In the absence of the President, Dr. T. A. Stoddard filling temporarily the post of ship surgeon in the Chinese-Japanese service; also the Vice-President, Dr. Samuel P. Low, Dr. C. S. Stoddard was elected to the chair and called the meeting to order. Present—Drs. Barry, Brown, C. S. Stoddard and Wells; a total of four members; necessary for a quorum three members. The minutes of the preceding meeting, May 19, were read and approved. Clinical cases: Dr. Wells reported an operation upon the septum of his own nose for deviation which consisted of a submucous resection. The surgery was done by a Los Angeles specialist and was remarkable for its entire painless character, using a few drops of 1% sol. cocaine. The Society discussed penetrating nail wounds of plantar surface of foot and the use of antitetanic serum in connection therewith. Dr. Barry reported a case in his own family in which 3000 units of serum were injected with seeming great benefit. The feature of the evening was the report of the recent State Convention in Oakland by the county delegate, Dr. Rexwald Brown. Dr. Brown also reported the founding of the College of Surgeons at Washington, D. C., of which he is a fellow. The meeting closed with an informal discussion of the annual State Medical Convention to be held in Santa Barbara next April.

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BOOK REVIEWS

"Golden Rules of Diagnosis and Treatment of Diseases." By Henry A. Cables; second edition. Published by C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis, 1913.

Upon the appearance of the first edition of this book the present reviewer took occasion to protest against the type of pseudo text-book that it exemplified. The book is a collection of medical platitudes, tiresomely expressed, inadequate in scope and not even as useful as a quiz-compend, if a quiz-compend can be called useful. This second edition is no improvement on the first.

G. H. T.

The Operating Room and Patient, Third Edition Rewritten and Enlarged. By Russell S. Fowler, M. D., Chief Surgeon First Division, German Hospital, Brooklyn, New York. Third Edition Rewritten and Enlarged. Octavo volume of 611 pages with 212 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Cloth, \$3.50 net.

This is a book that may be well recommended to every surgeon and medical man as well. The new edition has been rewritten and enlarged and the clear, definite style proves very satisfactory to the less experienced operator.

M. I. J.

"Clinical Laboratory Methods." By Roger Sylvester Morris, A. B., M. B. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York and London. 1911.

The author's aim is to produce "a manual of technique and morphology designed for the use of students and practitioners of medicine," and "no attempt has been made to include within the present volume a multiplicity of methods." He justly contends that too much time is, as a rule, devoted to the interpretation of the results of an examination and the test put in such a way that it is out of reach of the busy practitioner and student. The author gives no interpretations and only the simple tests which is a blessing to one whose time is limited and anxious for results. The ground has been well covered, although several very good short tests have been omitted. The book is well written and will certainly be an aid in any laboratory.

R. B. T.

The Modern Hospital; Its Inspiration; Its Architecture; Its Equipment; Its Operation. By John A. Hornsby, M. D., Secretary Hospital Section, American Medical Association; Member American Hospital Association, etc., and Richard E. Schmidt, Architect, Fellow American Institute of Architects. Octavo volume of 644 pages with 207 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Cloth, \$7.00 net; half morocco, \$8.50 net.

The dearth of literature on hospital architecture, equipment and operation makes all additions extremely welcome, especially the present one which covers the subject in a very comprehensive way; in fact more so than any other book that has been published to date. The frankness with which many of the problems that are worrying all hospital workers are discussed is very pleasing and will well repay careful reading. In the part devoted to the operation of hospitals the writer seems to frequently forget that conditions in all parts of the United States are not the same as in Chicago.

W. R. D.

Internal Medicine. By David Bovaird, Jr. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London, 1912. Price, \$5.00.

"The purpose of the present work is to supply the framework of internal medicine." This sentence from the author's preface explains the aim sought and very satisfactorily attained. Even a volume of 618 pages will not hold more than the outline of the subject. Therefore, statements are made dogmatically, even on controversial subjects. The volume is frankly a text-book, and a considerable amount of dogmatism is demanded in a successful text-book.

On the whole, Dr. Bovaird's views seem sound and conservative and at the same time up-to-date. It is remarkable what an amount of knowledge is here compressed into a small volume. The book can be heartily recommended to others than students who for one reason or another prefer to have their knowledge presented in terse and attractive form, rather than in essays and controversial discussions.

J. L. W.

Muller's Serodiagnostic Methods. By Ross C. Whitman, B. A., M. D. J. B. Lippincott Company, publishers, Philadelphia and London. 1913.

Muller's "Serodiagnostic Methods" has already reached its third German edition and has been translated into English by Whitman. The rapidly broadening field of Serologic Study is responsible for repeated publications. While purposing to be purely a practical manual, it is in reality a Compendium of most of the Serologic tests and their modifications that have been suggested. The work embraces alike those tests that are established, experimental and valueless, without any regard to